

**REMARKS**

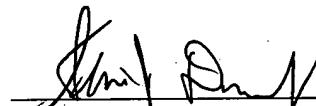
Preliminary to the Examination of the above-identified application, please enter this Preliminary Amendment.

The specification has been amended to correct minor editorial problems. Figure 3 has been amended to correct the spelling of the word, "successive." The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependent claims and correct minor editorial issues.

Favorable consideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Annotated version of Figure 3,  
... Replacement sheet 2/4 of the drawings, and  
... Substitute specification.